

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Patent Application**

Applicants(s): Manfred Herz  
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Group: 2811  
Examiner: Hung K. Vu

Title: Optoelectronic Sensor and Device for 3D Distance Measurement

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Examiner's December 8, 2009 Office Action.

The Examiner found that the claims of the instant application, which are directed to optoelectronics sensors, describe patentably distinct species. The Examiner therefore required that the application be restricted to one of the following species under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Embodiment of 1 of Figures 1-2;
- II. Embodiment of 2 of Figure 4; and
- III. Embodiment of 3 of Figure 5.

Applicants respectfully select Group I, FIGS. 1 and 2, for prosecution on the merits. The claims readable upon selected Group I are claims 1-7 and 13.

Respectfully submitted,



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